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Applicants : David K. Locke *et al.*
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

This Statement of Substance of Interview is being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.133(b), MPEP § 502.03 and § 713.01 for a telephone interview on August 9, 2006, for which a communication ("Interview Summary") was mailed from the USPTO on August 28, 2006.

This Statement of Substance of the Interview is being timely filed within one month of the mailing date of the Examiner's Interview Summary.

During the interview, the undersigned, discussed with Examiner Matthew Hoel and Examiner Xuan Thai the merits of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections, presenting arguments reflected in the later-filed August 17, 2006, Amendment and Response, omitted herein for brevity. Examiner Hoel stated that he would take such arguments into consideration.

Arguments, also as presented in the later-filed August 17, 2006, Amendment and Response, were raised over the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection over Davies (GB 2 330 936) and Walker (U.S. 6,095,921). Agreement was not reached.

The Examiner, in passing, brought up a previous rejection over Inoue (U.S. 5,752,881), and brought up other prior art that might apply to the claims should the claims be amended, but such references were not discussed.

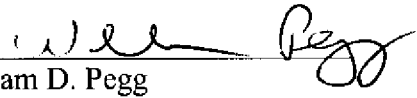
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Applicants thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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